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Commander's Corner

To the Soldiers, Family and Friends of "The Deuce":

A new month means new promotions. HHD welcomes our world class automations expert and poet-laureate SPC White to the NCO ranks. Also, A DET will promote CPL Cruz to the rank of SGT. Both are well deserved and the result of hard work and dedication on both their parts.

Every days seems to pick up pace as we coordinate for our follow on unit to pick up our mission. Each day seems to be filled with inventories, connex load dates, and actions directed at headed back that way. We are starting to rotate our attached postal headquarters and platoons, and that seems to have everyone eager to work. Soldiers are motivated and excited.

This month, we had a special treat as the Division celebrated Women's Equality Month. They selected the anniversary of the 19th amendment being approved - August 26 - as the date to commemorate this important event. SPC(P) White delivered another of her tremendous performances, reciting a poem entitled "I'm Tired", that depicted the struggles of Women Suffragettes through time. She continues to amaze us with her talents.

A DET has been working hard to update Soldier records for the upcoming promotion boards. The E7 SFC promotion board, which is the largest in the Army every year, will convene prior to our return, and the E8 MSG board will meet right after the holidays, so we are working at getting Soldiers records straight now so that we won't have to worry during redeployment. I know the rear detachment, under MAJ Farrell and SSG DeShields, is doing the same for the 4ID Soldiers that remain at Fort Hood.

B DET continues to provide excellent support at the military side of Baghdad International Airport. While the title may sound glamorous, the working conditions are difficult and the hours long. But, I never hear a complaint and Soldiers continue to make improvements to the area and procedures.

E DET continues to provide outstanding support to 4ID HQs. SFC Barnes is doing yeoman's work managing the casualty cell and Soldiers and deserves our thanks. Procedures and report formats continue to change, but her Soldiers keep up with it and continue to set the standard for the theater in timeliness and accuracy.

HHD has a large part of the heavy lifting as we prepare to move. The motorpool (pictured below) is busy finishing up services and preparing inventories, and all the staffs are going through the process of determining all the requirements for redeployment. We have a fairly accurate schedule that we will share with the Rear Detachment. I just ask everyone to remain flexible, as schedules change. As I've been told through my Army career, you're never sure you're leaving until you get on the plane here and land there.



"The Best Supports the Best",
LTC Todd Garlick

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CSM Corner

Greetings to family and friends. We are well underway in our preparation for our upcoming redeployment. We've already shipped our "extra" stuff back in July. Now I am asking the Soldiers to live out of their duffle bags till we get home so that we can ship the rest of our comforts earlier in order to lighten our load.

Can you believe the time has come for us to talk about redeployment? Soldiers are energetic and looking forward to being reunited with their love ones. I am so proud of all of them. They are staying focused and positive throughout the deployment. Rest assured, our Soldiers came to this fight with the intent of being a combat multiplier. Our battalion is well appreciated by our servicing population for the professional and friendly service we provide to our community. Our Soldiers are recognized not only by the Battalion Commander and I but by other command teams. Most of our Soldiers go above and beyond the call of duty when providing the service that is expected of them. You too should be proud.

As busy as we are, we find the time to enjoy our immediate surroundings and appreciate the people who are with us. I hope you enjoy the pictures on the right. Take good care of yourselves. God bless and God speed.

Thank you,
CSM Divina Bobb





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RENEGADES

On 1 August we promoted Damion Badillo to Specialist. Later that day, Major Motszko and I had the privilege of promoting Carlos Cruz to Corporal. Cruz also received an Army Achievement Medal to recognize his win as the Battalion Soldier of the Quarter!



In an effort to improve their ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) scores so they can reclass to a different MOS (Military Occupational Specialty), Specialists Kimberly Martin and Patrick Warner enrolled in a three week class that turned out to be much more intensive than they expected—they said they had to do more work for class than they did on the job! They graduated from the class on 4 August, and retook the ASVAB the following day.



Congratulations to new parents PFC Jordan Sewell, and his wife Erica, who had Emma, on 7 August. She weighed 8lb 3oz, and was 21in long.

Sergeant First Class Mortimer and I flew down to Forward Operating Base Kalsu on 16 August to visit Specialist Takisha Anderson and Sergeant Erika Rude. They work and live at that location, so they can assist in supporting 2d Brigade's personnel needs.



Sergeant Joshua Wagner, who works in our motor pool, received an Army Achievement Medal on 22 Aug for using his skill to fix our ID tag machine, saving the battalion several hundred \$\$ in repairs. Good job!



God bless,

CPT Hope Use'



• FRG POC'S for the Bulldog Family
 FRG Advisor: Robin Lane, Patty Cisneros
 FRG Leader: SGT John, Junior
www.bulldogs.photosite.com

CDR COMMENTS:

The Bulldogs are doing an outstanding job even with the heat being over 115 degrees. As time gets closer to redeployment the Bulldogs must continue to keep the focus. We have new faces in the Bulldog family and we welcome them with open arms. I ask the family members to continue the support as we enter the last months of deployment.

Bulldogs Lead The Way!

Birthdays: JULY BABIES

SPC Jones – 2 August
 SPC Budgett – 5 August

NGO BUSINESS



BIAP CREW



CONGRATS!!

SPC BUGGS &
 PFC CIRAGIL

PROMOTIONS!!





• FRG POC'S for the Outlawz Family

FRG Advisor: Sabina Galan

FRG Leader: SGT James

• Birthday Announcements:

Perry Shelton	20 Jul
Nattie Arreguin	21 Jul
SPC Arreguin	27 Jul
SPC Copeland	30 Jul
SPC Murillo	28 Aug



Anniversaries:

SFC Barnes 20 Jul



SPC BROWN AND SPC MURILLO STRUTTING THEIR STUFF IN LRMC WITH CSM RILING.



AN ARIAL PHOTO OF A DOWNTOWN CARNIVAL

WHO SAYS THEY DON'T ENJOY LIFE IN IRAQ.



ARIAL VIEW OF A DOWNTOWN SOCCER FIELD.



CONGRATS TO CPL COPELAND ON HIS LATERAL APPOINTMENT TO CPL. HE HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB THROUGHOUT THIS DEPLOYMENT.



THE MISSION HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ECHO DETACHMENT BUT THE SOLDIERS HAVE NEVER STOPPED DOING THEIR MISSION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL FAMILIES AND SOLDIERS THAT I AM PROUD OF EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR. WE HAVE HAD OUR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS BUT ECHO CONTINUES TO STRIVE TO EXCEED THE STANDARD. THE TIME IS COMING TO A CLOSE AND THROUGH IT ALL THE SOLDIERS OF ECHO DETACHMENT HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING AND ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE COMMANDER WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE. KEEP YOUR HEADS UP AND CONTINUE TO PUSH THROUGH THESE REMAINING MONTHS. OUTSTANDING JOB ECHO!

TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WE OWE YOU THE BIGGEST THANKS BECAUSE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE GREAT SOLDIERS IT WOULD HAVE MADE THEIR MISSION MORE DIFFICULT. SO TO YOU THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOVED ONES AND THE SOLDIERS OF ECHO DETACHMENT.

kids only

• Christopher Columbus made four voyages to the New World between 1492 and 1504, reaching parts of the Caribbean and South and Central America. He never once set foot on North America.

• The first video game, "Space War," was developed in 1962 by college students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.





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- FRG POC'S for the Viper Family

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FRG Advisor:

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- Viper Birthday's:

CSM BOBB, DIVINA
SPC JONES, DANNY
SPC SPERIS, JOSEPH
SPC MATYSIK, JOHN
SPC BERMUDEZ, AIMMEE



SPC SPERIS & SPC JONES BOTH TURNED 21 YRS. OF AGE AND CONTINUALLY SPOKE OF HAVING A BEER UPON REDEPLOYING. SO BEING THE WONDERFUL FAMILY THAT WE ARE ~ WE LET THEM HAVE A FEW BREWS HERE IN IRAQ. NON-ALCOHOLIC!

THE BEFORE



THE AFTER



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God Speed,
CPT Whittington

PAST EVENTS:

- Viper Promotions

SSG BROWN, CORY
SPC HINES, TILSON
SPC BADILLO, DAMION
SPC SMITH, JAMEL
PV2 WARE, RICHARD



PFC BADILLO ENJOYING AN OLD FASHION PROMOTION FROM THE MAINTENANCE TEAM

THE MIGHTY VIPER FAMILY MAINTENANCE TEAM



- Viper Reenlistments

SPC MATYSIK, J *May 06'**
SPC WEBSTER, D *Jun 06'**

As always, in closing, REMEMBER your continued Love, Care and Concern is an inspiration to each and every Soldier.

THANK YOU.